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**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No.: 002900/D2/EPIC/EPIC/JW

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R. 1.10	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on <u>4-26-01</u> , 2001, with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. <u>EL66180489545</u> in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Box PATENT APPLICATIONS, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
<u>4-26-01</u> Date	<u>Brian Mahabty</u> Signature

**TRANSMITTAL FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

**This is a request for a filing a continuing application procedure, 37 CFR 1. 53(b) for:**

- ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-in-part
- ☒ enclosed is a preliminary amendment for the enclosed divisional application
- ☐ Continuing application to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97

Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application serial number 09/165,233, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

## PARTICULARS OF PRIOR APPLICATION

Application Serial No.: 09/165,233

Filed: October 1, 1998

Title: TECHNIQUES FOR TRIPLE AND QUADRUPLE DAMASCENE  
FABRICATION

Applicant: Suketu A. Parikh

- (a) ☒ This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above, and the inventor in this application is:

☒ the same

☐ less than those named in the prior application, and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

- (b) ☐ This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application whose particulars are set out above, the inventor(s) in this application are:

☐ the same

☐ Add the following additional inventor(s):

- (c) ☒ The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

☒ the same

☐ not the same; and an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, is submitted.

## IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS FOR FURTHER PROSECUTION

☒ The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims remaining as a result of the:

☒ enclosed preliminary amendment

☐ unentered amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior application, which is now repeated.

☐ the claims as on file in the prior application

### FEE CALCULATION (37 CFR 1.16)

	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED	LESS NUMBER PAID BY BASIC FEE	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS (Not less than zero)	LARGE ENTITY FEE
Basic Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims	26	- 20 = 6	6 x 18 =	\$108.00
Independent Claims	8	- 3 = 5	5 x 80 =	400.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				-0-
Total Filing Fee Calculation:				\$1,218.00

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

☐ is enclosed

☐ was filed in prior application number --- and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a))

**FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME**

- | | No filing fee is submitted
- |X| The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Filing Fee of \$1,218.00 to **Deposit Account 50-1074**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- | | Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person not the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130) [37 CFR 1.47 and 1.17(h)]
- | | Processing and retention fee (\$ ) [37 CFR 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)]
- | | A check in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed)

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES**

- | | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application, to **Deposit Account 50-1074**.
- | | 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- | | 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
- | | 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- | | 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)
- | | 37 CFR 1.18 [issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b)]

**INSTRUCTIONS AS TO OVERPAYMENT**

- |X| **Credit Deposit Account No. 50-1074**

**PRIORITY--35 U.S.C. 119**

- | | Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- | | The certified copy has been filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior U.S. application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, which prior application was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- | | Certified copy will follow.

**RELATE BACK--35 U.S.C. 120**

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This is a     | | continuation     ☒ divisional     | | continuation-in-part  
of copending application

☒ Serial No. 09/165,233, filed on October 1, 1998.

| | International Application \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and which  
designated the U.S.

**ASSIGNMENT**

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Applied Materials, Inc.

☒ An assignment of the invention to: Applied Materials, Inc., is enclosed.

☒ Form PTO 1595 (Recordation Form Cover Sheet) is also enclosed (**in duplicate**)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application submitted herewith.

| | The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

| | A new power has been executed and is attached.

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO-1449 and Copies of 30 References is enclosed herewith.

## CONCURRENT FILING

- [X] Concurrent with the present application, a divisional application Attorney Docket No.: 002900/D1/EPIC/EPIC/JW is filed separately on the same date as the present divisional application. The concurrently filed divisional application is a division of the same copending application Serial No. 09/165,233 filed on October 1, 1998.

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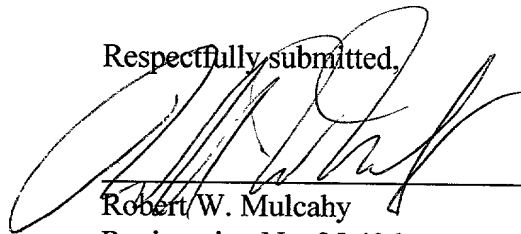
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